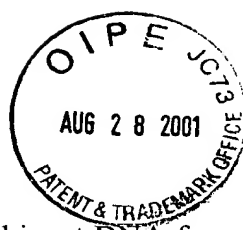


ABSTRACT



This invention relates to isolated and recombinant DNA fragments belonging to an ICL gene from *Pichia pastoris*. The invention further relates to a method for regulating the expression of a heterologous gene encoding a protein of interest.